

# **HUNTSMAN**

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Senator Jim Marleau  
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Dear Senator Marleau:

I am writing on behalf of Huntsman Corporation to request your opposition to HB 4561, legislation currently before the State Senate. HB 4561 would as much as double the time between updates to Michigan's energy-efficient building code. Under the legislation, Michigan's homes and buildings would fall behind in critical technology changes that enhance energy efficiency, save taxpayers money and protect public safety. Ultimately, this could lead to increased energy costs for Michiganders, and weaken the state's economic recovery.

Michigan presently uses a three-year cycle for updates to the state's building code. Michigan's choice to update the energy efficiency portion of the code using the three-year cycle has consistently led to homes made with advanced materials that save consumers energy and money. Taxpayers benefit, too, since the code also covers public structures. It helps avoid wasteful and costly energy losses in state and local government buildings.

This proven policy of updating all parts of the Building Code every three years has also helped make Michigan a national leader in the fight for public safety by ensuring new buildings have the latest updates to protect public health, safety and welfare.

Huntsman Corporation, with a facility in Auburn Hills, Michigan is involved in the manufacture of insulation products that will directly benefit Michigan residents. For these reasons, we urge you to support Michigan families, energy savings, and lower energy bills by opposing HB 4561.

Sincerely,



Steven B. Burns